

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to a first examination on the merits, consideration of the present amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are pending; Claims 1-5 are amended; Claims 6 and 7 are newly added; and no claims are cancelled.

The present amendment removes multiple dependencies in the claims and places the claims in better form for examination. It is respectfully requested that no new matter is added by these amendments, as support for these amendments may be found in the specification as filed.

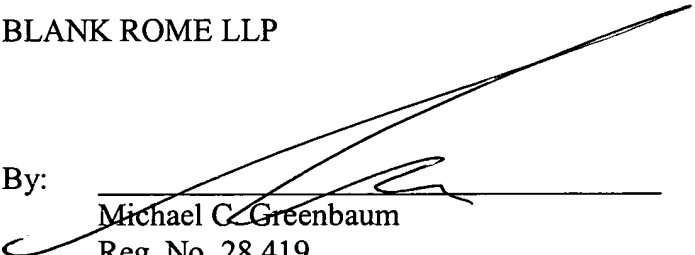
Additionally, the present amendment provides an Abstract.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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